

## **ARENA STAGE MEDIA RELEASE**

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ARENA STAGE TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL CAMP ARENA STAGE OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

\*\*\*Arena Stage's Camp Open House gives prospective campers and parents an inside look at Camp Arena Stage\*\*\*

(Washington, D.C.) Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater will host its third annual Camp Arena Stage Open House on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mead Center (1101 Sixth Street, SW). The day features sample activities and classes taught by camp staff and provides an opportunity for prospective campers and parents to experience a taste of Camp Arena Stage and have all their camp questions answered. Classes will include acting, musical theater, sewing, fashion and different styles of dance. There will also be face painting, an arts and crafts station for all ages, and more. Parents and prospective campers will have the opportunity to meet and chat with camp instructors. The event is FREE and young people ages 8-15 are welcome to participate in sample workshops and classes. Reservations are required due to space limitations. Register here: arenastage.org/camp-open-house.

Camp Arena Stage is a multi-arts summer day camp for 8-15. This January at the Camp Arena Stage Open House, young people can experience a taste of summer by participating in scheduled activities, workshops and classes focusing on theater, musical theater, visual art, singing and dance.

An immersive day camp, Camp Arena Stage is held at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School (1524 35th Street, NW). Camp Arena Stage is a place to be yourself and grow as an artist. Campers create their own schedule of five daily activities to explore, discover and create the art they love. They have more than 75 activities to pick from. Every day at the Noontime Show, campers can share what they've been working on at camp, a talent from home or an act they've made with a friend.

Now in its 16th summer, Camp Arena Stage's 4-Week Intensive will run June 22-July 17, 2020 and the 2-Week Session will run July 20-July 31, 2020. Campers can opt to do both sessions for six weeks of art. All take place Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Early drop-off and extended day are available for an additional fee. Proceeds help support educational programs that are offered at low or no charge to area schools by the Community Engagement division of Arena Stage.

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## Registration for Camp Arena Stage 2020 is open and scholarships are available. Register here: arenastage.org/camp.

Arena Stage's community engagement efforts are generously sponsored by AT&T; Exelon; Denie and Frank Weil; the Paul M. Angell Family Foundation; Joanne Barker; the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities: The Coca-Cola Foundation: Arthur and Barbara Bushkin: Robert and Natalie Mandel Family Foundation; Max and Victoria Drevfus Foundation, Inc.; JBG Smith; Alice Shaver Foundation; Hattie M. Strong Foundation; The Bay & Paul Foundations; Friends of Southwest D.C.; Exelon Corporation; Venable Foundation; Washington Nationals Dream Foundation; Weissberg Foundation; The Albert & Lillian Small Foundation; Raytheon; GEICO; Wells Fargo & Company; Rockwell Collins; Edington, Peel & Associates; Foley & Lardner LLP; Jean Schiro- Zavela and Vance Zavela; Actors' Equity Foundation; Theatre Forward; and Youth Activities Task Force (YATF) of the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly, Inc..

Arena Stage at the Mead Center for American Theater, under the leadership of Artistic Director Molly Smith and Executive Producer Edgar Dobie, is a national center dedicated to American voices and artists. Arena Stage produces plays of all that is passionate, profound, deep and dangerous in the American spirit, and presents diverse and ground-breaking work from some of the best artists around the country. Arena Stage is committed to commissioning and developing new plays and impacting the lives of over 10,000 students annually through its work in community engagement. Now in its eighth decade, Arena Stage serves a diverse annual audience of more than 300,000. arenastage.org

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